

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows. No new matter is being added to the specification. Applicants are merely correcting typographical errors within the specification.

Please amend page 1, lines 20-21 to read:

A need exists for a method and system for OOB messaging between CPE and a CMTS.

Please amend page 5, line 23 to read:

In particular, the communication link 70 is used to transfer data on tunnels tuned to by the eCM 62 to the eSTB 64 so that OOB messaging signals can be delivered to the eSTB 64 for processing.

Please amend page 7, lines 3 and 5 to read:

In contrast, the tunnel identifier 96-94 is a unique identifier for each tunnel, regardless of the tunnel type 90 assigned to the tunnel, such that the tunnel identifier 96-94 may be used to differentiate between different tunnels identified with the same tunnel type 90.